

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 12-20, 23-31, 44-53, 55-58, 59-81, 98-101, and 103-111 are pending in this application and presented for examination. Claims 103-111 have been newly added. Claims 82-92, 93-97 and 102 have been canceled with out prejudice. No new matter has been introduced with the newly added claims. Early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

**I. RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The Examiner has indicated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 12-20, 23-31, 44-53, 55-58, 59-81 and 98-101 drawn to commercial scale method of or an in vitro method of sialylation using bacterial or recombinant bacterial enzymes, classified in class 435, subclass 97.

II. Claims 82-92 and 102 drawn to an in vitro commercial method of altering the glycosylation pattern of a glycoprotein by transfer of galactose from a UDP-galactose to a saccharide to form a galactosylated saccharide, classified in class 435, subclass 15.

III. Claims 93-97, drawn to composition comprising a glycoprotein, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

In response, Applicants elect group I without traverse. Claims readable thereon include claims 12-20, 23-31, 44-53, 55-58, 59-81, 98-101 and newly added claims 103-111.

**II. SUPPORT FOR THE NEW CLAIMS**

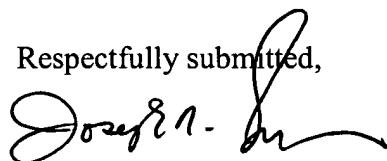
Support for new claims 103-111 is found throughout the application as filed. More particularly, support for new claim 103 is found, for example, on page 13, lines 3-13. Support for new claim 104 is found, for example, on page 13, lines 7-15. Support for new claim 105 is found, for example, on page 13, lines 15-16. Support for new claim 106 is found, for example, on page 13, lines 15-16. Support for new claim 107-108 is found, for example, on page

13, lines 17-18. Support for new claim 109 is found, for example, on page 13, lines 21-23. Support for new claim 110-111 is found, for example, on page 13, lines 7-26. As such, no new matter has been introduced and Applicants respectfully request that the new claims be entered.

### III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request early action on the merits. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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